

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: **HOLDER FOR NAME BADGES AND THE LIKE**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With respect to the examination of the accompanying application, applicants cite the following documents, copies of which are enclosed. These documents are also listed on an accompanying Form PTO-1449.

UNITED STATES PATENTS

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
Des. 300,988	May 9, 1989	Melk

OTHER DOCUMENTS

PC/Nametag Catalog 10.1, 2002, pp. 64-65.

Successful Events Catalog 2002, p. 11.

Marco Catalog 2002, p. 18.

Printout dated 4/1/2003 from G.G. Tauber Companies web site for Tauber Tote and Tauber Tote II.

Photographs of Badges DDM Laser Badge Holder Product sold in the United States since prior to 2003.

REMARKS

The foregoing documents relate to holders for name badges. U.S. patent Des. 300,988 is a design patent which is believed to be directed to the appearance of the CLICK! CASE® Badge Case shown on p. 64 of the PC/Nametag catalog referenced above. The other documents cited above show products which have been on the market in the United States prior to the filing of the present application and which are acknowledged to be prior art to the present application. The photographs show a Badges DM Laser plastic badge holding tray. It is believed that this product has been sold with a separate cover which is not otherwise connected to the badge holding tray.

It is thus requested that the foregoing documents be considered during examination of the accompanying application and be specifically made of record therein.

Respectfully Submitted,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		Des. 300,988	5/9/89	Melk			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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